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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT GROWS OVER THE MONTH: North Carolina's total employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 2,820,400 as of the middle of February, 1985, representing a net over-the-month gain of 34,200 people (+1.2 percent). The State's seasonally adjusted total employment was estimated to be 2,878,000 in mid-February, 1985, which was a net monthly increase of 30,000 workers (+1.1 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT DOWN IN FEBRUARY: Statewide manufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 815,800 in mid-February of this year, a net monthly decline of 3,700 people (-0.5 percent). The durable goods sector fell by 600 workers (-0.2 percent) with the two largest losses occurring in "other" durable goods (-300) and electrical machinery (-200). The nondurable goods sector decreased by 3,100 workers (-0.6 percent) due mainly to cutbacks in the textile mill products (-1,400) and tobacco manufacturing (-900) industries.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT ENJOYS MODEST GAIN: Nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 1,770,400 in the middle of February, 1985. A net over-the-month increase of 4,300 persons resulted (+0.2 percent) as government (+7,100); transportation, communications, and public utilities (+900); and service and miscellaneous (+900)experienced significant additions.

MANUFACTURING FALLS BUT NONMANUFACTURING RISES SINCE LAST YEAR: North Carolina's manufacturing employment dropped by 10,500 people (-1.3 percent) from February, 1984, to February, 1985. Even with that overall noticeable decline, the electrical machinery (+3,800), non-electrical machinery (+1,900), fabricated metals (+1,200), and tobacco manufacturing (+1,000) industries exhibited respectable increases. Nonmanufacturing employment in the State grew by 94,700 workers (+5.7 percent) over the year with each of the seven industry groups registering some kind of gain. The four largest were trade (+36,500), construction (+18,700), service and miscellaneous (+18,700), and government (+11,700).

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT FALLS OVER THE MONTH: During the middle of February, 1985, total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 201,400, a net monthly decline of 11,800 people. The unadjusted unemployment rate dropped from 7.1 percent to 6.7 percent. North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total unemployment was estimated to be 185,000 in mid-February of this year, a net over-the-month decrease of 23,000 persons. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 6.8 percent to 6.0 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.8 percent in February, 1985, and 8.0 percent in January, 1985. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 7.3 percent this February and 7.4 percent one month ago.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/
February, 1985

	February, 1985	January, 1985
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,021,800	2,999,400
Employment	2,820,400	2,786,200
Unemployment	201,400	213,200
Unemployment Rate	6.7	7.1
(Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,063,000	3,056,000
Employment	2,878,000	2,848,000
Unemployment	185,000	208,000
Unemployment Rate	6.0	6.8
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.8	8.0
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.3	7.4

1/ Data prior to January, 1985, for North Carolina, are not comparable due to significant change in the procedure for deriving monthly labor force estimates.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS RISE WHILE AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS FALL: The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers rose by 3¢ an hour (+0.4 percent) to $7.19 from mid-January to mid-February of this year. Over the year, the average has advanced by 27¢ an hour (+3.9 percent). The durable goods sector enjoyed a modest net monthly gain of 4¢ an hour (+0.5 percent) to hit $7.39 this February. Since February of last year, the durable goods segment has added 24¢ an hour (+3.4 percent). Primary metals was the durable goods industry that experienced the largest net monthly growth, rising by 9¢ an hour (+1.1 percent) to reach $8.53 in February of this year. Lumber and wood was a close second, up by 8¢ an hour (+1.3 percent) over the month to arrive at $6.14. The nondurable goods sector increased by just 1¢ an hour over the month for a February figure of $7.05. During the last twelve months, the nondurable goods segment has increased by 26¢ an hour (+3.8 percent). Again, tobacco manufacturing was the leader in nondurables with a net over-the-month jump of 31¢ an hour (+2.5 percent) to advance to $12.61 in February, 1985. Food and kindred products and printing and publishing tied for a distant second with a net monthly increase of 4¢ an hour each. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees displayed an almost negligible drop of 26¢ to $280.41 from the middle of January to the middle of February, 1985. Over the year the average has climbed by $4.99 (+1.8 percent). In February of this year average weekly hours were 39.0, a monthly decrease of 0.2 of an hour and a yearly decline of 0.8 of an hour.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX UP OVER THE MONTH: According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers rose to 317.4 in February, 1985, to represent a monthly increase of 0.4 percent and a yearly gain of 3.5 percent. The cost of apparel and upkeep increased the most, up by 1.0 percent over the month. Food and beverages and medical care came next, each experiencing a monthly jump of 0.7 percent. On the positive side the cost of

transportation fell by 0.1 percent from January to February of this year. Basically, what the index means is that goods and services which cost $100.00 in 1967, the base year, cost $317.40 in February, 1985.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS CONTINUES TO RISE: There were 171,511 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina as of February 28, 1985, a net monthly increase of 8,217 persons (+5.0 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine age sector continues to be the largest with 107,737 or 62.8 percent of the total. The forty to fifty-four age segment numbered 29,517 or 17.2 percent. The fewest active applicants occurred in the fifty-five and over group with 9,124 or just 5.3 percent of the total. More than half (51.3 percent) of the active applicants were females with a count of 87,996.

The largest ethnic group was white, not Hispanic, which numbered 98,083 or 57.2 percent of the total. The next table gives more data from the Statewide active applicant file as of February 28, 1985.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE
February 28, 1985

	Number	Percent
Total	171,511	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	25,133	14.7
22-39	107,737	62.8
40-54	29,517	17.2
55 and Over	9,124	5.3
Sex		
Male	83,515	48.7
Female	87,996	51.3
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	98,083	57.2
Black, not Hispanic	69,487	40.5
Hispanic	719	0.4
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,411	1.4
Other Races and Undetermined	811	0.5
Eligible Claimant	69,570	40.6
Veteran	31,281	18.2
Handicapped	10,897	6.4
Welfare	24,978	14.6
Seasonal Farmworker	1,094	0.6

THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS INCREASES SLIGHTLY IN FEBRUARY: There were 14,931 job openings received by the local Job Service offices in the State during February, 1985, a small net over-the-month gain of 23 (+0.2 percent). Most of those job openings were filled (10,056 or 67.3 percent). Once again the service category had the largest number of job openings received with 2,624. The majority of those was filled (1,867 or 71.2 percent). The structural work category followed with 2,128 job openings received and 1,637 or 76.9 percent filled. Next came the professional, technical, and managerial sector with 1,886 job openings received, but only 345 (18.3 percent) were filled. The occupational group with the fewest job openings received in February was processing with just 472; however, a very high percentage was filled (80.3 percent or 379). From July 1, 1984, through February 28, 1985, there were 176,259 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. More than three-fourths of those job openings was filled (78.8 percent or 138,951). As of February 28, 1985, there were 15,200 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file. Most of those job openings (8,598 or 56.6 percent) were open for thirty days or more and, therefore, were classified as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on Statewide job openings for February, 1985, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1984, through February 28, 1985).

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

	February, 1985		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Feb. 28. 1985	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	1,886	345	8,073	3,062	2,527	1,027
Clerical	1,874	1,125	18,630	12,092	1,934	1,103
Sales	652	259	6,027	3,346	1,029	623
Service	2,624	1,867	26,135	19,409	2,464	1,617
Domestic	170	134	1,959	1,638	83	50
Other Services	2,454	1,733	24,176	17,771	2,381	1,567
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	925	773	40,692	39,779	246	105
Processing	472	379	6,730	6,272	394	251
Machine Trades	1,076	791	11,174	8,216	1,241	833
Bench Work	1,483	1,277	15,395	12,497	2,132	830
Structural Work	2,128	1,637	21,930	16,426	2,084	1,461
Miscellaneous	1,811	1,603	21,473	17,852	1,149	748
Motor Freight and Trans.	384	262	4,077	2,670	367	229
Pkg. & Mat. Hand.	1,360	1,290	16,855	14,840	726	481
Other	67	51	541	342	56	38
Total	14,931	10,056	176,259	138,951	15,200	8,598

1/ July 1, 1984, through February 28, 1985.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Feb. 1985 (Thous.)	Jan. 1985 (Thous.)	Feb. 1984 (Thous.)	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,586.2	2,585.6	2,502.0	+ .0 2	+ 3.4
MANUFACTURING	815.8	819.5	826.3	- 0.5	- 1.3
DURABLE GOODS	332.6	333.2	325.0	- 0.2	+ 2.3
Lumber & Wood Products	36.5	36.6	36.7	- 0.3	- 0.5
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.2	13.2	13.3	0	- 0.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.9	9.1	9.0	- 2.2	- 1.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.4	4.4	4.5	0	-2.2
Furniture & Fixtures	84.9	85.0	85.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
Household Furniture	74.9	74.8	75.7	- 0.3	- 1.5
Wood Household Furniture	37.4	37.4	38.4	0	- 2.6
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.5	31.4	31.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.5	18.4	18.3	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
Structural Clay Products	2.5	2.5	2.2	0	+13.6
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.2	5.3	5.0	- 1.9	+ 4.0
Primary Metal Industries	11.1	11.2	10.3	- 0.9	+ 7.8
Fabricated Metal Products	26.8	26.9	25.6	- 0.4	+ 4.7
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.3	8.5	8.2	- 2.4	+ 1.2
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.3	55.2	53.4	+ 0.2	+ 3.6
Special Industry Machinery	7.5	7.4	7.5	+ 1.4	0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	63.6	63.8	59.8	- 0.3	+ 6.4
Household Appliances	5.6	5.8	5.2	- 3.4	+ 7.7
Transportation Equipment	21.0	20.9	20.2	+ 0.5	+ 4.0
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.9	15.2	15.6	- 2.0	- 4.5
NONDURABLE GOODS	483.2	486.3	501.3	- 0.6	- 3.6
Food & Kindred Products	43.4	43.6	42.6	- 0.5	+ 1.9
Meat Products	18.1	18.0	17.1	+ 0.6	+ 5.8
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+ 4.0
Dairy Products	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+ 4.0
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.1	6.1	6.1	0	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.8	24.7	22.8	- 3.6	+ 4.4
Cigarettes	19.7	19.8	19.6	- 0.5	+ 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.6	4.5	2.7	-20.0	+33.3
Textile Mill Products	208.6	210.0	226.0	- 0.7	- 7.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	56.4	57.5	62.7	- 1.9	-10.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton	28.2	28.9	32.7	- 2.4	-13.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	27.4	27.8	29.0	- 1.4	- 5.5
Knitting Mills	74.5	74.0	79.8	+ 0.7	- 6.6
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.4	22.2	23.6	+ 0.9	- 5.1
Hosiery, NEC	21.6	21.5	22.7	+ 0.5	- 4.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.0	13.0	15.0	0	-13.3
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.9	6.9	7.0	0	- 1.4
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.2	14.3	15.0	- 0.7	- 5.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.7	51.3	54.8	- 1.2	- 7.5

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February, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Feb. 1985 (Thous.)	Jan. 1985 (Thous.)	Feb. 1984 (Thous.)	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.4	90.0	92.0	- 0.7	- 2.8
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.7	29.6	30.4	+ 0.3	- 2.3
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	39.4	39.9	41.9	- 1.3	- 6.0
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.4	22.2	- 0.4	+ 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	11.0	11.1	11.1	- 0.9	- 0.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.3	7.3	7.3	0	0
Printing & Publishing	25.1	24.9	23.9	+ 0.8	+ 5.0
Newspapers					
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.8	36.6	38.3	+ 0.5	- 3.9
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.9	12.9	13.8	0	- 6.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.5	29.7	28.3	- 0.7	+ 4.2
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	4.3	4.4	5.2	- 2.3	-17.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1,770.4	1,766.1	1,675.7	+ 0.2	+ 5.7
MINING	4.6	4.6	4.3	0	+ 7.0
CONSTRUCTION	136.6	138.7	117.9	- 1.5	+15.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	129.0	128.1	124.1	+ 0.7	+ 3.9
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	69.9	69.1	65.0	+ 1.2	+ 7.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	53.9	53.9	54.0	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	558.6	561.1	522.1	- 0.4	+ 7.0
Wholesale Trade	131.0	131.7	126.3	- 0.5	+ 3.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	78.9	79.2	74.7	- 0.4	+ 5.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	52.1	52.5	51.6	- 0.8	+ 1.0
Retail Trade	427.6	429.4	395.8	- 0.4	+ 8.0
General Merchandise Stores	55.4	57.1	52.6	- 3.0	+ 5.3
Variety Stores					
Food Stores	66.4	66.7	65.1	- 0.4	+ 2.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	106.3	106.3	102.4	0	+ 3.8
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 3/	404.1	403.2	385.4	+ 0.2	+ 4.9
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.1	22.0	20.3	+ 0.5	+ 8.9
Personal Services	26.1	26.1	25.4	0	+ 2.8
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.7	10.8	10.5	- 0.9	+ 1.9
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	431.2	424.1	419.5	+ 1.7	+ 2.8
Federal	50.4	50.3	49.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
State	128.3	123.1	123.9	+ 4.2	+ 3.6
Education	67.0	62.1	64.6	+ 7.9	+ 3.7
Other	61.3	61.0	59.3	+ 0.5	+ 3.4
Local	252.5	250.7	245.8	+ 0.7	+ 2.7
Education	138.9	138.0	134.5	+ 0.7	+ 3.3
Other	113.6	112.7	111.3	+ 0.8	+ 2.1

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1985

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	February 1985 (Thous)	January 1985 (Thous)	February 1984 (Thous)	January 1985	February 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,618.1	2,620.5	2,531.4	- 0.1	+ 3.4
MANUFACTURING	821.3	825.2	832.0	- 0.5	- 1.3
DURABLE GOODS	334.8	335.1	327.2	- 0.1	+ 2.3
Lumber & Wood Products	37.3	37.4	37.5	- 0.3	- 0.5
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.5	13.6	13.6	- 0.7	- 0.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	9.1	9.0	9.2	+ 1.1	- 1.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.7	4.7	4.8	0	- 2.1
Furniture & Fixtures	84.8	84.3	85.0	+ 0.6	- 0.2
Household Furniture	74.5	74.2	75.6	+ 0.4	- 1.5
Wood Household Furniture	37.7	37.5	38.7	+ 0.5	- 2.6
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.5	31.3	31.1	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.0	18.8	18.8	+ 1.1	+ 1.1
Structural Clay Products	2.8	2.7	2.5	+ 3.7	+12.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.4	5.4	5.2	0	+ 3.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.2	11.3	10.4	- 0.9	+ 7.7
Fabricated Metal Products	27.0	27.0	25.8	0	+ 4.7
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.4	8.5	8.3	- 1.2	+ 1.2
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.4	55.0	53.5	+ 0.7	+ 3.6
Special Industry Machinery	7.5	7.3	7.5	+ 2.7	0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	64.0	64.9	60.2	- 1.4	+ 6.3
Household Appliances	6.1	6.5	5.7	- 6.2	+ 7.0
Transportation Equipment	21.1	21.2	20.3	- 0.5	+ 3.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.0	15.2	15.7	- 1.3	- 4.5
NONDURABLE GOODS	486.5	490.1	504.8	- 0.7	- 3.6
Food & Kindred Products	44.4	44.6	43.6	- 0.4	+ 1.8
Meat Products	18.0	18.1	17.0	- 0.6	+ 5.9
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+ 4.0
Dairy Products	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 3.8
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.1	8.1	8.0	0	+ 1.2
Beverages	6.2	6.3	6.2	- 1.6	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.4	25.1	23.4	- 2.8	+ 4.3
Cigarettes	19.7	20.8	19.6	- 5.3	+ 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.1	4.7	3.1	-12.8	+32.3
Textile Mill Products	209.6	211.5	227.1	- 0.9	- 7.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	56.7	57.4	63.1	- 1.2	-10.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.8	28.6	32.3	- 2.8	-13.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	27.9	27.9	29.5	0	- 5.4
Knitting Mills	74.9	75.0	80.2	- 0.1	- 6.6
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.4	22.2	23.6	+ 0.9	- 5.1
Hosiery, NEC	21.8	22.1	22.9	- 1.4	- 4.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.0	13.2	15.0	- 1.5	-13.3
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.0	7.1	7.1	- 1.4	- 1.4
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.4	14.5	15.2	- 0.7	- 5.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.9	51.3	55.0	- 0.8	- 7.5

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1985

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	February 1985 (Thous)	January 1985 (Thous)	February 1984 (Thous)	January 1985	February 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.8	90.7	92.5	- 1.0	- 2.7
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.6	29.7	30.3	- 0.3	- 2.3
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	39.4	40.4	41.9	- 2.5	- 6.0
Paper & Allied Products	22.2	22.2	22.1	0	+ 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.9	11.0	11.1	- 0.9	- 1.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.3	7.3	7.3	0	0
Printing & Publishing	24.9	24.6	23.7	+ 1.2	+ 5.1
Newspapers	9.3	9.2	8.8	+ 1.1	+ 5.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.9	36.7	38.4	+ 0.5	- 3.9
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.0	13.0	13.9	0	- 6.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.9	30.2	28.7	- 1.0	+ 4.2
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.4	4.5	5.3	- 2.2	-17.0
NONMANUFACTURING	1,796.8	1,795.3	1,699.4	+ 0.1	+ 5.7
MINING	4.7	4.7	4.4	0	+ 6.8
CONSTRUCTION	148.0	149.3	127.7	- 0.9	+15.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	129.6	129.7	124.7	- 0.1	+ 3.9
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	70.6	70.5	65.7	+ 0.1	+ 7.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.2	54.0	54.3	+ 0.4	- 0.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	574.4	570.5	536.9	+ 0.7	+ 7.0
Wholesale Trade	133.1	133.2	128.4	- 0.1	+ 3.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	79.2	79.5	75.0	- 0.4	+ 5.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	53.9	53.7	53.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.9
Retail Trade	441.3	437.3	408.5	+ 0.9	+ 8.0
General Merchandise Stores	57.6	56.7	54.7	+ 1.6	+ 5.3
Food Stores	67.4	67.1	66.1	+ 0.4	+ 2.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	107.4	107.5	103.4	- 0.1	+ 3.9
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	411.5	412.7	392.5	- 0.3	+ 4.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.0	25.6	23.0	- 2.3	+ 8.7
Personal Services	25.3	25.4	24.6	- 0.4	+ 2.8
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.8	10.9	10.6	- 0.9	+ 1.9
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	421.2	420.9	409.8	+ 0.1	+ 2.8
Federal	50.8	50.7	50.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
State	125.2	124.6	120.9	+ 0.5	+ 3.6
Education	63.3	62.7	61.1	+ 1.0	+ 3.6
Other	61.9	61.9	59.8	0	+ 3.5
Local	245.2	245.6	238.7	- 0.2	+ 2.7
Education	130.3	131.1	126.2	- 0.6	+ 3.2
Other	114.9	114.5	112.5	+ 0.3	+ 2.1

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1985

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	February 1985	January 1985	February 1984	January 1985	February 1984
MANUFACTURING	649.0	653.0	662.3	- 0.6	- 2.0
DURABLE GOODS	253.0	253.8	248.7	- 0.3	+ 1.7
Lumber & Wood Products	31.5	31.6	31.8	- 0.3	- 0.9
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.8	8.0	8.0	- 2.5	- 2.5
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.6	3.5	3.7	+ 2.9	+ 2.7
Furniture & Fixtures	75.8	75.9	75.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Household Furniture	67.2	67.4	68.1	- 0.3	- 1.3
Wood Household Furniture	34.4	34.4	35.2	0	- 2.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.3	15.2	14.9	+ 0.7	+ 2.7
Structural Clay Products	2.0	1.9	1.8	+ 5.3	+11.1
Primary Metal Industries	8.4	8.4	7.7	0	+ 9.1
Fabricated Metal Products	19.9	20.0	19.0	- 0.5	+ 4.7
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	27.2	27.4	27.7	- 0.7	- 1.8
Special Industry Machinery	5.1	5.0	5.2	+ 2.0	- 1.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	46.6	46.8	43.4	- 0.4	+ 7.4
Household Appliances	4.9	5.1	4.5	- 3.9	+ 8.9
Transportation Equipment	17.0	16.9	16.4	+ 0.6	+ 3.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	396.0	399.2	413.6	- 0.8	- 4.3
Food & Kindred Products	29.6	29.7	29.0	- 0.3	+ 2.1
Meat Products	15.8	15.8	15.1	0	+ 4.6
Meat Packing	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 5.6
Dairy Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Beverages	2.3	2.2	2.3	+ 4.5	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	18.6	19.6	17.5	- 5.1	+ 6.3
Cigarettes	15.6	15.7	15.6	- 0.6	0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.6	3.5	1.5	-25.7	+73.3
Textile Mill Products	184.9	186.2	202.6	- 0.7	- 8.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	49.9	51.0	56.8	- 2.2	-12.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	25.0	25.7	29.7	- 2.7	-15.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.4	24.8	26.5	- 1.6	- 7.9
Knitting Mills	65.8	65.3	71.6	+ 0.8	- 8.1
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	20.2	20.0	22.0	+ 1.0	- 8.2
Hosiery, NEC	19.8	19.6	20.9	+ 1.0	- 5.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	10.9	10.9	12.8	0	-14.8
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.9	5.9	6.2	0	- 4.8
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	11.9	12.0	12.6	- 0.8	- 5.6
Yarn & Thread Mills	46.5	47.0	50.3	- 1.1	- 7.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.8	79.5	80.3	- 0.9	- 1.9
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	26.8	26.7	27.5	+ 0.4	- 2.5
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	34.2	34.6	36.3	- 1.2	- 5.8
Paper & Allied Products	16.7	16.8	16.9	- 0.6	- 1.2
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	8.0	8.2	8.2	- 2.4	- 2.4
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.5	5.5	5.6	0	- 1.8
Printing & Publishing	15.9	15.9	14.9	0	+ 6.7
Newspapers	3.6	3.6	3.4	0	+ 5.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.8	23.6	24.9	+ 0.8	- 4.4
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	8.9	8.9	9.6	0	- 7.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	24.1	24.3	23.0	- 0.8	+ 4.8
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.6	3.6	4.5	0	-20.0

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/
FEBRUARY, 1985

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
MANUFACTURING	$280.41	$280.67	$275.42	39.0	39.2	39.8	$7.19	$7.16	$6.92
DURABLE GOODS	294.12	296.21	286.72	39.8	40.3	40.1	7.39	7.35	7.15
Lumber & Wood Products	241.30	241.19	228.93	39.3	39.8	39.2	6.14	6.06	5.84
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	241.76	241.90	230.28	40.7	41.0	40.4	5.94	5.90	5.70
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	263.34	261.00	224.32	38.0	37.5	34.3	6.93	6.96	6.54
Furniture & Fixtures	245.50	252.25	234.55	38.3	39.6	38.2	6.41	6.37	6.14
Household Furniture	243.59	250.67	234.17	38.3	39.6	39.9	6.36	6.33	6.13
Wood Household Furniture	238.78	242.35	235.41	38.7	39.6	39.9	6.17	6.12	5.90
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	309.02	318.16	305.25	40.5	41.0	40.7	7.63	7.76	7.50
Structural Clay Products	260.21	262.17	244.22	41.7	40.9	40.5	6.24	6.41	6.03
Primary Metal Industries	356.55	355.32	358.32	41.8	42.1	45.3	8.53	8.44	7.91
Fabricated Metal Products	325.07	322.60	317.29	41.2	41.2	41.1	7.89	7.83	7.72
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	353.21	343.61	334.13	42.3	41.2	41.2	8.35	8.34	8.11
Special Industry Machinery	323.67	319.07	303.97	42.2	41.6	41.3	7.67	7.67	7.36
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	328.83	332.73	349.86	39.1	39.8	41.6	8.41	8.36	8.41
Household Appliances	260.11	254.41	245.38	37.0	36.5	38.4	7.03	6.97	6.39
Transportation Equipment	339.00	351.31	328.02	41.8	43.0	42.0	8.11	8.17	7.81
NONDURABLE GOODS	271.43	271.04	268.88	38.5	38.5	39.6	7.05	7.04	6.79
Food & Kindred Products	252.80	254.34	231.31	40.0	40.5	36.6	6.32	6.28	6.32
Meat Products	209.21	214.65	174.29	39.4	40.5	32.7	5.31	5.30	5.33
Meat Packing	323.95	333.94	298.76	41.8	43.2	38.6	7.75	7.73	7.74
Dairy Products	280.32	271.76	260.29	43.8	43.0	42.6	6.40	6.32	6.11
Grain Mill Products	315.50	300.66	299.84	45.2	43.7	43.9	6.98	6.88	6.83
Bakery Products	290.23	276.98	272.14	41.7	39.4	40.8	6.96	7.03	6.67
Beverages	450.25	459.88	465.16	40.6	42.7	44.9	11.09	10.77	10.36
Tobacco Manufacturers	470.35	453.87	412.46	37.3	36.9	34.4	12.61	12.30	11.99
Cigarettes	519.11	517.72	444.10	37.4	37.3	34.4	13.88	13.88	12.91
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	197.11	184.79	174.93	36.3	34.8	34.3	5.43	5.31	5.10
Textile Mill Products	243.84	242.82	253.71	38.4	38.3	40.4	6.35	6.34	6.28
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	265.68	275.41	278.36	37.9	39.4	40.4	7.01	6.99	6.89
Weaving Mills, Cotton	260.35	280.40	270.96	37.3	40.0	39.1	6.98	7.01	6.93
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	270.66	270.44	286.33	38.5	38.8	41.8	7.03	6.97	6.85
Knitting Mills	219.75	216.22	222.72	37.5	36.4	38.6	5.86	5.94	5.77
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	211.50	214.97	209.28	37.7	37.0	38.4	5.61	5.81	5.45
Hosiery, NEC	209.66	201.37	208.29	35.9	34.6	36.8	5.84	5.82	5.66
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	230.48	224.38	253.26	36.7	35.9	40.2	6.28	6.25	6.30
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	273.14	281.78	279.94	41.7	42.5	43.2	6.55	6.63	6.48
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	268.09	261.76	286.23	39.6	39.6	43.9	6.77	6.61	6.52
Yarn & Thread Mills	237.12	230.83	256.46	39.0	38.6	41.7	6.08	5.98	6.15
Apparel & Other Textile Products	182.58	183.24	186.87	35.8	36.0	37.6	5.10	5.09	4.97
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	176.47	179.57	189.35	34.2	34.6	37.2	5.16	5.19	5.09
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	172.13	174.60	175.85	35.2	36.0	37.1	4.89	4.85	4.74
Paper & Allied Products	471.23	485.32	450.75	42.8	44.2	43.3	11.01	10.98	10.41
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	596.67	604.66	570.68	44.1	45.6	44.9	13.53	13.26	12.71
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	331.14	341.91	328.32	42.4	43.5	43.2	7.81	7.86	7.60
Printing & Publishing	312.39	310.83	292.74	39.0	39.0	39.4	8.01	7.97	7.43
Newspapers	274.70	273.73	267.81	33.5	33.3	33.9	8.20	8.22	7.90
Chemicals & Allied Products	390.16	387.04	363.04	41.2	41.0	40.7	9.47	9.44	8.92
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	451.54	441.41	405.37	42.8	42.2	40.7	10.55	10.46	9.96
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	363.04	367.43	370.19	40.7	41.1	42.6	8.92	8.94	8.69
MINING	356.98	339.95	269.25	44.4	42.6	35.9	8.04	7.98	7.50
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	455.33	457.56	439.27	40.8	41.0	40.9	11.16	11.16	10.74
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	191.32	191.75	191.55	32.1	31.8	32.8	5.96	6.03	5.84
Wholesale Trade	296.81	296.79	288.41	38.9	39.0	39.4	7.63	7.61	7.32
Retail Trade	162.71	162.71	164.92	30.3	29.8	31.0	5.37	5.46	5.32
General Merchandise Stores	144.65	142.18	142.85	27.5	27.5	28.4	5.26	5.17	5.03
Food Stores	193.38	194.63	187.80	33.0	33.1	31.3	5.86	5.88	6.00
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	145.28	136.19	119.26	32.5	30.4	27.8	4.47	4.48	4.29
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	187.44	186.02	176.75	35.3	35.5	35.0	5.31	5.24	5.05

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